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Inventories are sometimes so incomplete as to necessitate substitution. Central apothecaries are far from the prescribing physician, and the patients would have to travel a great distance to get their prescriptions filled. The small affiliated "apothecary" points without any pharmaceutical departments would serve very well, but for the fact that their stocks are limited. Consequently, doctors' prescriptions are determined by the inventory of the closest apothecary point rather than by the needs of his patient.

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